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IS&T Dean, Associate Dean Selected

By BRIAN J. TODD

UNO announced that it has selected its first dean of the College of Information Science & Technology (IS&T) and its first associate dean of the new college both in the same week.

Michael Mulder, UNO's new dean of IS&T, most recently has worked for the National Science Foundation. He has also served as a professor of computer science and engineering at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and as a consultant to the Boeing Corporation, according to UNO's University Relations office.

Mulder received his BS in electrical engineering from Oregon State University. He also received master's degrees in nuclear engineering, computer science and engineering from the University of Washington. Mulder received his doctoral degree in electrical engineering/computer science and engineering from Montana State University.

Mulder said he was impressed by UNO and the state of Nebraska with their efforts to make this new college come into being.

Mulder brings to UNO a comprehensive view of this changing industry, said Ernest Peck, UNO vice-chancellor for academic affairs. He also brings connections and credentials that will enable UNO to attract the best educators and specialists to the new college.

UNO's new associate dean of IS&T will be Thomas McClung.

McClung has most recently served as a vice president for CSG Systems, Inc., a company that processes more than 19 million billing statements each month for cable television companies nationwide. CSG Systems, Inc. was formerly a part of Omaha's First Data Resources Corporation, according to University Relations.

McClung graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio and has received a master's degree from Ohio State University and a doctorate from Michigan State University.

Because of his ties to Omaha and the local business community, McClung will serve as a liaison with area businesses and the new college, Peck said.

McClung began his new duties on July 1, but Mulder will not begin his new post, pending Board of Regent's approval, until September 1.

Affirmative Action Decisions Impact Colleges Nationally

By JONATHAN PELPHREY

Recent court decisions on the role of affirmative action in higher education should have little or no effect on the admissions policies at UNO, according to Jon Fleming, director of admissions.

"We have no affirmative action policy here," Fleming said. "We try to be fair and admit people based on their abilities."

Many schools around the country, however, have been utilizing affirmative action policies for a number of years in an effort to create a more diverse student body, according to the American Council on Education (ACE). This is particularly true at schools that are well-known in a field and receive applications from many more qualified applicants than they can accommodate — thus enabling them to be extremely selective about whom they admit.

Among these schools is the University of Texas Law School, which recently lost a case before the Fifth U.S. District Court of Appeals in which four white students who were denied admission to the law school sued, claiming reverse discrimination.

The ruling, if it had been reviewed and upheld by the Supreme Court, would have effectively outlawed affirmative action in higher education admissions across the country. As it stands now, only those states within the jurisdiction of the Fifth District Court — Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas — are directly affected. The Supreme Court has refused a petition to review the case.

According to a White House brief written by Solicitor General Drew S. Days III, the decision also calls into question a 1978 ruling by the Supreme Court (*Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*) in which race was allowed as one of many admissions factors in order to promote diversity in the student body.

The decision has sparked new debate about the need and legal basis for affirmative action in university admission policies.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, in a statement issued on the same day the state of Texas petitioned the Supreme Court to hear its appeal, said, "It is simply wrong to give one applicant an automatic advantage over another applicant, based solely on the color of one's skin. It was wrong fifty years ago, and it is wrong today." He added, however, that race should be allowed as one of many personal factors

unique to each applicant.

Not everyone agrees that the Texas Law School decision should be overturned. Clint Bolick, vice president of the Institute for Justice, a conservative lobby group, said, "It's time for the government to get out of the racial classification business."

Many people, however, feel that affirmative action is the only way to achieve racial parity. According to a report issued by ACE, "approximately 18 percent of all college students are African Americans, Hispanics, or American Indians, compared with nearly 30 percent of the total college-age population." Affirmative action, the report claims, is helping to remedy this problem. From 1984 to 1994, minority enrollment increased by 63 percent, according to the report.

Still, ACE is quick to point out that parity is a long way off, and progress is slow in coming.

UNO does not have a student population that is representative of the diversity of the local population, Fleming said, but neither do most schools. It is particularly difficult for UNO to attract African-Americans, Hispanics, and American Indians, he said. "Where do you think schools like UNL, Kearney, and Iowa State go to get minority students that are under-represented at their schools? They come to Omaha," he said.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs at UNO is active in trying to offset the drain of minority students from the Omaha area. There are a number of scholarships and programs offered through the office designed to attract minorities to UNO.

The Isaacson Incentive Scholarship is designed to encourage talented minority students in Omaha to attend UNO. The Davis Scholarship, which is partially funded by the state, is awarded to "members of populations under-represented" at UNO and UNL.

There are many more scholarships available to minority students, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs has published a booklet in which more than 75 scholarships designed for minority students are listed.

The intense competition between universities for minority students, while a positive sign, is indicative of a larger problem. According to ACE, many minority high school graduates do not meet the requirements at top universities

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Eppley power shut off for testing

Power Outage Mystery Solved

By BRIAN J. TODD

The power was out at Eppley Administration Building again last week. Perhaps you did not notice it? That is because power went out at about 4:30 a.m.

"We routinely test the emergency generators," said UNO's Manager of Maintenance and Utilities Services Mike Miller. "That's all that was."

The test showed a faulty voltage regulator that was replaced, making the emergency generators ready again, Miller said. The generator at Eppley is one of eight on campus.

But don't expect the campus to stay open if another emergency occurs in the future, just because the generators have all been checked out. Emergency generators are designed to keep only emergency lighting operational and, in the case of the one at Eppley, the campus phone system as well.

"We supply lighting for emergency egress in two ways, generators or battery packs," Miller said. All buildings on campus receive their emergency lighting power from one or the other.

Miller said the last power emergency on campus, the power outages that occurred in June, were caused by old power cables that had been in service longer than they were designed to last.

"All the repairs have been done and we've made it though several Fridays without losing power," Miller said, laughing.

The total cost of the repairs for the cable was \$58,000, Miller said. That figure included paying worker overtime and trucking in cable from Illinois.

The old cable was only designed to last for a few years, and had been in service for more than 20 years. The new cable is designed to last 50 years.

Speak into the mike



San Diego Charger John Parrella gets interviewed by John Glenn from channel 3 during the UNO football camp Monday. The 6-foot-3, 290 pound pro played football for Nebraska.

Opinions & Editorials

'Is Hockey Really UNO's Sport?'

Most UNO officials know — without the students, there would be no university. Without the 17,000 students who attend classes at UNO, the University would be nothing more than a memory. Student fees pay university salaries and keep UNO on its feet.



TONY REINKE
Sports Columnist

A student advisory team, headed by student president Craig Richter, conducted a

survey during the planning process of the hockey program. Richter's team surveyed 200 random UNO students about their thoughts on UNO's hockey team. A source close to the survey results told a *Gateway* reporter that 84 percent of those students polled found hockey to be of interest.

Eight of ten UNO students said they would be interested in attending a hockey game. The study results must have been all but blank when Athletic Director Don Leahy and the hockey committee arranged seating in the Civic Auditorium. Based on the survey result of an 84 percent rating, an estimated number of potential student-fans comes to 14,280 people. Tight fit, considering only 1,000 seats were allotted to the student section. Just 13 percent of the total seating was allocated for the students -- who make up 100 percent of UNO's existence.

The athletic department announced 6,389 seats have been sold in the 8,000 seat Auditorium. The fact that there would be no UNO hockey without UNO students seems to bring the seemingly 'sufficient' student-seating number down to reality.

Obviously, the bleachers are of more value to working citizens of Omaha compared to the student-pricing rates.

Another disturbing factor of the seating deals with student excitement. College football and basketball would be far separated from the March madness atmosphere without the spunky support of the students. Could you imagine a Husker basketball game without the student cries of support? NeeBraska basketball would feel more like NeedAPillow Basketball. Who would play the Husker fight song on football days?

What I am saying is that without student frenziness, the atmosphere of college hockey would be lacking. The student section of 1,000 fans would be a far cry from 2,000 or more screaming, face-painted nuts.

Is it better to gain instant profits for an struggling athletic program, or better to remember the ones who made hockey happen?



Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor.



Weather Whiners Fess Up For Right to Comfort

Take a moment to think back to mid-January when the thermometer plunged to 18 degrees below zero. The whole world seemed to crystallize. Many people didn't leave their homes because they feared the cold, and many cars wouldn't leave their driveways because the engine fluids froze solid.

No one liked the cold, and everyone made that point very clear. Prayers for summer-like weather, such as "I wish it was 90 degrees," and "Don't you wish it was July?" were often heard among family members and co-workers.

Clear proof that our memories are short. Now it is July, and the same people who wished for warmth when it was cold, now wish for cold when it is hot.

Now the popular comments are: "Why did I complain when it was 30 degrees outside, this is much too hot," or "It's so hot, I could fry an egg on my forehead."

Second of all, it shows that our temperature comfort zone appears to be only about 10 degrees wide. We whine about the temperature in the cold of winter. We whine about the temperature in the heat of summer. Hell, we even whine about the temperature in the early and late periods of spring and fall.

I will be the first to admit that I am a weather-whiner. I am generally only comfortable when the mercury is between 60 and 80 degrees. When I am cold, the only thing I want to do is snuggle in bed under four blankets with my "Do Not Disturb the Hibernating Bear" tag on the doorknob.

When I am hot, I am cranky, grouchy and all I want to do is lie in front of the air conditioner vent with a frozen strawberry daiquiri. My fiancé knows very well that he better not upset me when it's hot unless he's looking for a fight.

While we can't change the weather, we can create ways to be comfortable in it. In comes man's greatest invention: the air conditioner. Think about it: many of us have air conditioners in our homes, in our cars and at work. We never really experience the summer heat unless we are walking from one air conditioner to another. Yet, we complain about those few minutes in the heat as if the world was coming to an end.

Then we hear the excuses — No. 1: "I could stand the heat, if it weren't for the humidity." I've used that one. When I went to Las Vegas last year, the temperature was nearly 90 degrees, but it felt like an Omaha 70 degrees. I chalked it

up to the lack of humidity.

No. 2: "I know I overuse my car air conditioner, but I just can't look all wilted and sweaty when I go to work." Plants wilt, people don't. And if it is hot enough, those ten minutes in the cool car will be easily erased by three minutes of walking across the street.

No. 3: "I don't want to be all sweaty." True, sweat is neither attractive nor nice to have trickling down your back. Those wet stains on people's backs are dead giveaways as to who bought a car in December and didn't think they needed to spend the extra money for an air conditioner.

No more excuses. Crank up the air conditioners and fess up to the truth that we are all weather-whiners. It's nothing to be ashamed about.

Go ahead and admit that you don't like the heat because it's hot and you don't like the cold because it's cold. All you are admitting is that you don't like to be uncomfortable. As hard as we all work and play, being comfortable isn't so much to ask.



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Opinions & Editorials

'Fourth More than Just Firecrackers'

The Fourth of July is never a good day for my dogs. They do not understand anything about the Declaration of Independence, George Washington at Valley Forge, Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves (why doesn't this country have a holiday in honor of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation?) or even good old freedom. All my dogs understand is that they are scared by loud noises and bright lights that shower fire from the sky.

At night on the Fourth, I took my dogs, Bogus and Spooky, for a walk in my neighborhood so they might take care of their doggie business. (I don't think I need to be any more graphic than that.) The rockets' red glare merely made two 80-pound dogs whimper. And though the display put on by many of my neighbors (actually their kids, I don't think I saw anyone over the age of 16 lighting more than a cigarette) was very pretty, I wondered — as I strolled through a never-ending cloud of burnt gunpowder — just how many of these people could give a good explanation of the Revolutionary War? How many of them understood not only the freedom that we as Americans enjoy, but how rare that freedom is in this world? My guess is that unless those kids are no more than one generation removed from another country — like China, Korea or any East European nation like Romania or Poland — they have never heard about places where freedom is a dream instead of an afterthought.

Recent surveys taken have shown that young Americans do not know the simplest historic facts, from "Who was our first president?" to "What was the Cold War?". And even though we have fought in several wars within the past generation, many young Americans cannot tell you why we fought in these conflicts.

For example, the Gulf War could probably not be explained by either the official reason (Kuwait), or the unofficial reason (oil) by most young Americans.

Nor could Panama, which most — even the young Americans who think they are in the know — would say was fought to bring Manuel Noriega to trial. (For those who don't remember, Panama was fought to end that country's involvement in drug shipping and end Noriega's reign of power in favor of elected officials.)

And Grenada? Forget it. Most young Americans would not even include this on a list of post-Vietnam conflicts.

So, we Generation X'ers are historically inept. So what, right? Well, it seems those under 30 are not only going to fail any pop quiz in history, we are also not very likely to feel the need to put our bodies in harm's way for any noble causes.

A recent article in the *Omaha World Herald* noted that even though our grandparents fought in World War II, and in some cases (like mine) World War I, kids today just don't see the significance of what our ancestors did.

(Ration rubber so the troops can have tires? How will I be able to drive my new Geo? How will I get to the mall?)

Children born in the "Free Love" 70s and raised in the "Me Generation" 80s seem to show no signs of becoming the stan-

dard bearers of the "Sacrificial" 90s.

We concern ourselves with the great issues of the day like "Should it be legal to wear hemp-clothes?" and "Is it okay for Richard Gere to talk about Tibet when he and Cindy Crawford are splitting up?"

Part of the problem is our leadership today. Most Americans, and not just those of my generation, trust our national leaders about as far as we can throw them. Considering the respective weights of Newt or Bill, I imagine that would not be very far. Many of us have stopped using moral character as an issue in determining for whom we vote — if we bother to vote at all.

The other part of the problem is our education system. In our parents' days it was not uncommon for children who did not understand or learn their lessons to be flunked a grade so they might learn things better the second time. But that practice was stopped in most schools in the late 70s and 80s so children would not feel bad if they flunked.

Ever hear the old saying, "Those who don't learn from history are condemned to repeat it"? Well, not anymore. And the same goes for math, science and English.

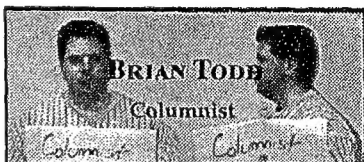
We've dumbed down our nation's youth so they will feel good about themselves — too bad they won't understand why they are feeling so good.

Which brings me back to the firecrackers. Why is it that our most important secular holiday has turned into a way to stretch one's vacation time? Are parents taking that extra time to teach their kids the importance of the freedom that the day is meant to celebrate, or are they just teaching their kids to make sure to get away before the fuse burns down?

Bogus and Spooky don't understand much about freedom and democracy. But they know a lot of useless noise when they hear it and that noise scares them.

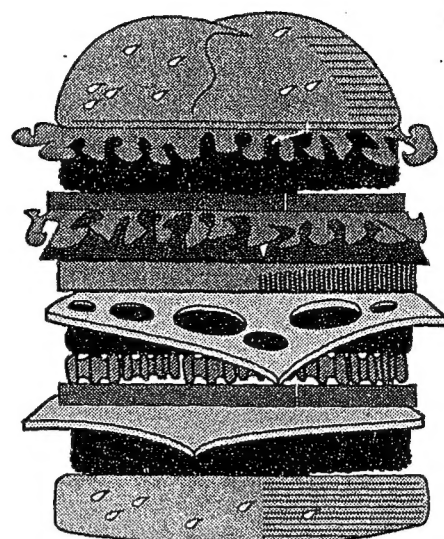
It kind of scares me, too.

So I did not shoot off any bottle rockets or toss any firecrackers this Fourth of July. I'll just celebrate my freedom by casting my vote in the November election and keeping myself informed about the government and world events. It is not very exciting, but means more to me than a bunch of loud popping sounds. And those who don't understand the value of freedom are sure to lose it, no matter how many rockets we have nor how red they glare.



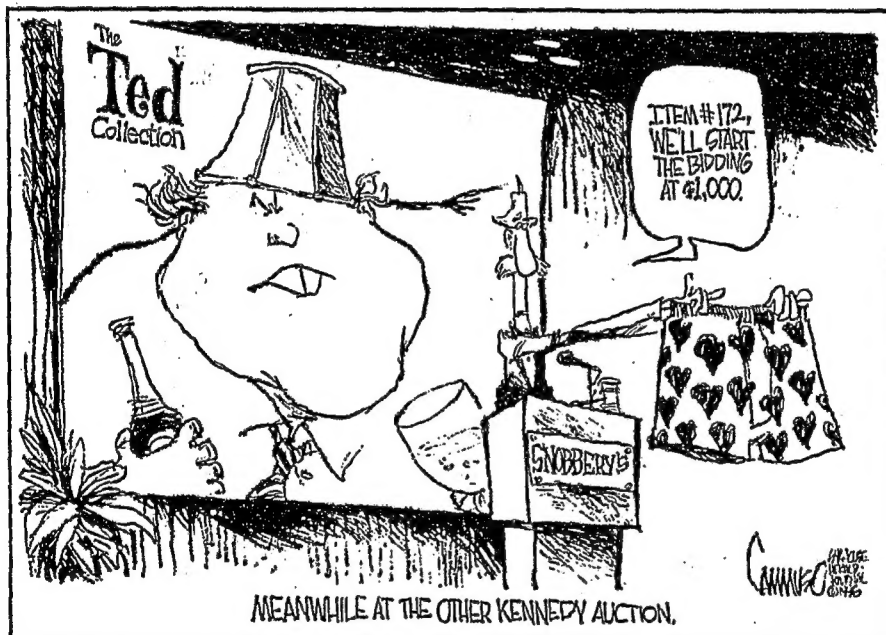
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Do you think 1,000 tickets for student seating at hockey games is enough?



Brian Zanders
Graduate student and
former Mav Wrestler

"No. As big as all the hype is, students are definitely going to want to be a part of it. If they want a big happy family atmosphere, they're going to have to remember the students."



Tina Padilla
Senior biology major

"Yes. Until students show they can support a UNO team, 1,000 seats will do."



Giovanni LaFata
Senior
communications major

"One thousand seats is pretty uncool. Students should have at least 2,000."



Darren Wisniski
Senior marketing
major

"It's unfair that students have only 1,000 of the 8,000 seats. Students are the ones paying tuition and we are the ones supporting the school."

News Briefs

Church Parking Lot Changes

The south parking lot of Saint Margaret Mary's church will be under construction beginning Monday, July 8 through the first week of August, creating a loss of 36 parking spaces. The parking west of the church and along 62nd street will remain open for UNO parking.

Host Families Needed

The SHARE America Program is looking for host families for foreign high school students from over 20 different countries. The English-speaking students will be arriving in mid-August and will spend the year with host families and attend local high schools.

For more information, contact the SHARE Central States Regional Office at 1-800-715-3738.

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around the country. In California, for instance, "Ninety-four to 96 percent of African American and Chicano/Latino high school graduates are ineligible for admission to the University (of California)." Couple this with the potential elimination of affirmative action, and the future for minorities in America looks bleak, said Reginald Wilson, senior scholar for ACE.

To combat this, many universities have begun to implement programs that prepare minority high school students for the rigors of higher education. In this way, as the University of California Regents put it, "diversity is achieved through the preparation and empowerment of all students. . . rather than through a system of artificial preferences."

UNO's Office of Multicultural Affairs, recognizing this need, has established the Summer Scholars Program, which is designed to introduce minority high school juniors to college life. As the application states, "it is the goal of the Summer Scholars Program to assist students in developing a level of math and English skills that will facilitate academic success in college."

UNO also has concerns about minority student retention, and, according to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, is always looking for ways to keep minority students on campus. The Multicultural Vantage Program (MVP) is a cooperative program of UNMC and UNO that, according to UNO, "addresses the dual needs of underserved urban communities in Nebraska and the need for greater diversity in the health professions by encouraging multicultural students to pursue health care careers." MVP attempts to attract and retain minority students by offering them early acceptance into participating UNMC colleges and programs.

While ethnicity does not enter in to the admissions equation, according to Fleming, UNO will continue to seek minority students through scholarships and programs.

International Students Find Home Away From Home at UNO

By KARA LYNN STAMM

Imagine being thousands of miles away from your home, family and friends. Imagine arriving in a new country with different customs, a different language, and a very different way of life.

For more than 500 students at UNO, the experience is not hard to imagine. UNO has an international student body of around 530 students from around the world, including Columbia, Japan, Turkey and China.

Students come to UNO from other countries for various reasons; to study at an American university, to get business training, or to learn English as a second language through UNO's Intensive Language Program (ILUNO).

"I think UNO is attractive to international students," said Merry Ellen Turner, supervisor and recruiter for ILUNO, "because they get a lot of individual attention, the cost of living is lower and they receive help getting housing, work and even making friends."

Through the ILUNO program, international students receive help easing into the Omaha community as well as the university. ILUNO gives the students help with everything they need to make their stay in Omaha a pleasant one. Because there is no on-campus housing at UNO, students must be placed off-campus, in residence halls, apartments or even private homes around the city.

After meeting the students at the airport, ILUNO offers the new students four UNO students to answer any questions and just to talk. ILUNO also has a program called Friends of International Students, which is made up of volunteers from the community and UNO. Volunteers schedule activities such as trips to the mall and Shakespeare on the Green. They even

take the students on trips around the country to places like Chicago and Washington D.C.

"These trips allow the international students the opportunity to visit different parts of the United States while they are here. It also lets them learn more about our country and our citizens," Turner said.

Getting to know people in the United States is one reason many students come to study at UNO, Turner said. Some students stay for just a few months, while others stay for several years. Ekoka Molindo, a student from Cameroon, West Africa, has been in Omaha for three years. Currently, he is working on his doctorate in educational administration (and supervision).

"I spoke English and French before I came, but it was hard to adjust to the American slang and humor," Molindo said. "It was also hard being so far away from my family, but I would do this all over again if I had the chance."

Moving to the United States can be an overwhelming, yet rewarding change in a person's life. At UNO, many students find the change to be an easy and quick adjustment, with the help of programs such as ILUNO and Friends of International Students. UNO offers many areas to explore, whether it be the people, the classes or the community.

"I came to the United States to study because the education is quite good, the country is advanced in computers and technology, and I wanted to meet new people," Molindo said.

Not only do the students benefit in many ways by studying at UNO and learning about the United States and its people, but UNO benefits by getting a diverse campus community and a better learning environment for the whole university.



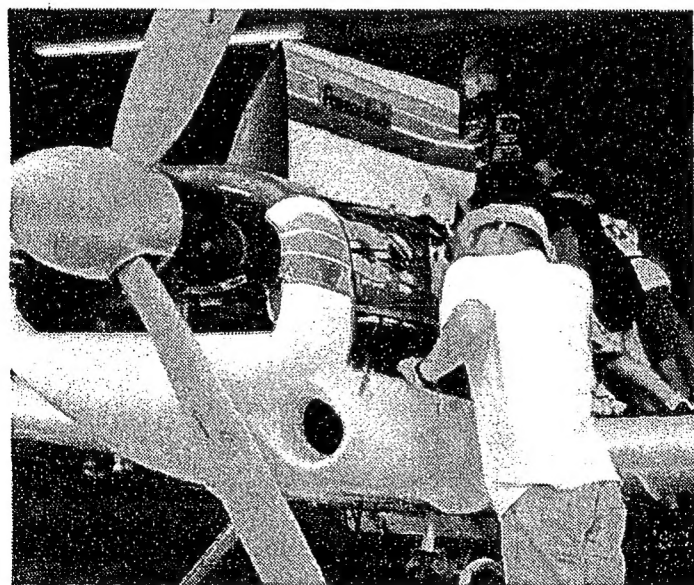
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Aviation Hopefuls Take Flight in Summer Camp



Aviation students take a peek into the engine of a plane during the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy summer camp. The camp was designed as an introduction into flight and aviation careers for interested junior and senior high school students.

By HEIDI HELLER

Twenty-five junior and senior high school students attended the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy summer camp June 16 to 21.

The camp is designed to introduce youths interested in aviation to the various occupations in the field, said Dr. Densel Acheson of the Aviation Institute.

The students toured several facilities and participated in aviation-related activities. Tours included Offutt Air Force Base, Lincoln Municipal Airport, UNL Mueller Planetarium, Air Guard, Army Guard and Captain Aviation.

Aviation specialist Neil Vernon said the ACE camp is for those interested in flying as well as non-aviation opportunities.

"We tried to have a wide range of different occupations," he said. "They get more information in what they're interested in plus the ones they didn't know about."

The students learned about airplane maintenance, military aspects, air traffic control and management in aviation," Vernon said.

At Captain Aviation, the students participated in "discovery flights." Each student went up in a small plane with an instructor where they learned some basics about flying and got a chance to fly the plane.

"The students enjoyed that part of the camp very much,"

Acheson said.

Two-thirds of the students who attended were in junior high. Of 25 participants, 22 were boys. None had attended the camp before. Students who are interested in the camp mail in a form and receive an application. Vernon said this procedure is mostly done through youth organizations such as 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Twenty-seven students applied for the camp this year, but only 25 were accepted. "We set a cap at 25 because most places they tour can only take that many people," Acheson said.

Students who are not accepted this year have the option to go on a waiting list for next year.

"Students who have an interest in aviation should be taking courses that will benefit their career goals," Acheson said. He recommended studies in math, science, English and other communication courses.

"They really need to develop good oral and written communication skills," Acheson said. "It's important that they have confidence while talking in front of an audience."

The ACE camp began in 1993 as two separate camps at UNO and UNK. The Nebraska Department of Aeronautics took over and combined the camps this year, Vernon said.

The ACE camp is funded by a NASA Space Grant consortium and is a joint venture among UNO, UNK and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

Russian Travels Spark Interest for Professor

By DAVID FOX

UNO Dean of International Studies and Programs Thomas Gouttierre has been keeping an eye on the Russian presidential elections. But this time his interest was purely personal, and not in an official capacity.

"I was just an interested observer," Gouttierre said. "I have a lot of friends in Russia."

Gouttierre, who has been going to Russia on a regular basis for the last ten years, has served as the American specialist on Afghanistan, Tajikistan and South Asia at the meetings of the U.S.-Russian Task Force on Regional Conflicts since 1986.

Gouttierre said that he had no particular favorite in the Russian elections. He had merely been concerned for his friends and how their lives have changed since the end of the Soviet Union and Communist government, and what the current elections meant for them.

"What we're really talking about here is maintaining the process of the status quo of the Yeltsin period for another presidential term, or ushering in an individual who has promised to turn back the clock on those areas which he can't address," Gouttierre said. "It cannot be a return to the past Brezhnev-style Soviet system."

Gouttierre said that while the end of Communist government has had a dramatic impact on the lives of the Russian people, he felt that the Russian people saw Yeltsin as being the lesser of two evils.

"I think that many of them regret the dramatic nature of change and the instability that has come with it, and would probably have been willing to embrace a candidate who offered a moderate alternative to Yeltsin," Gouttierre said.

He thought most of the Russian people did not see Zyuganov as offering a moderate alternative, but a more radical one, he said.

"For many, it (the end of Communist government) has reduced their quality of living greatly," Gouttierre said. "But for others, particularly over the last 18 months or so, there has been a very quantitative leap in the quality of living because a lot of the reforms that were initiated sometime back are starting to take hold."

Gouttierre said that he felt that too many things have happened in Russia since the dissolution of the Soviet Union to permit communism.

"More people through the use of means like E-mail are too much involved in a worldwide kind of communication and network that would preclude the kind of environment that would submit to a directed economy or a directed political system," Gouttierre said. "There are too

many international pressures that would prevent it, plus the nations themselves are not going to return to that colonialism."

Gouttierre said that these changes are more noticeable in Moscow, where the resources that are the products of economic and political reform are more prevalent than anywhere else.

"So this is something that one is able to notice. At the same time, most people remain apprehensive because this is a very major change in the economical, political, and social structure of their lives and of their country," Gouttierre said.

Gouttierre said that people in the United States need to remember that, as with any country, the changes in Russia are not going to take place without some fits and starts.

"We in the United States are often unable to remember that during our history we had the benefit of over 550 years of parliamentary law envelopment from the signing of the Magna Carta until we

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THOMAS GOUTTIERRE

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Alternative Medicine Gains Followers, Respect of All Ages

By ANDREW KAMMERER

In the rapidly changing world of modern medicine, procedures and treatments change from year to year. But with all of the billions of dollars of research money spent each year, more people are turning to alternative forms of medicine to cure their ailments.

Alternative medicine includes any treatment contrary to the modern procedural methods. The most common methods include acupuncture, hypnosis, aromatherapy, and what's still considered alternative in some medical circles, chiropractic care and massage.

Recent figures from the New England Journal of Medicine and a Time/CNN poll report that over a third of all Americans seek alternative medicine, mainly out of curiosity or desperation. According to a 1993 Harvard study, \$3.7 billion is spent annually for alternative care.

Homeopathic treatments were born in America in the early 1800's when Dr. Samuel Hahnemann sought out safer treatments than the mercury, blood-letting and purging of his day. In one of Hahnemann's experiments, he found that quinine induced the same fevers and chills of malaria, the disease that it was intended to cure. This gave rise to the "law of similars" that holds that natural treatments for the body are those that induce the same symptoms of the illness they are used to treat. Hahnemann theorized that these treatments stimulate the body to produce its own attack against the ailment, according to a Feb. 1 *Omaha World-Herald* article.

One of today's more common practices in alternative medicine is acupuncture, which was developed and practiced by the

Chinese for more than 5,000 years. Acupuncture was brought over to the United States in 1974 by an American veterinarian who visited China shortly after former President Richard Nixon's breakthrough summit. In the treatment, practitioners insert small needles into acupuncture points, which are small depressions on the body. Stimulating these points can cause many effects — such as nerve stimulation, endorphin and hormone production and pain relief according to an April 24 *World-Herald* article.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has two doctors currently practicing acupuncture at the clinic.

"It is important for these types of alternative medicine to be available to the public. Whatever can be done to enhance the health of the community is a positive thing," said Amy Haddad, pharmacist at the Med Center.

Who are the main users of these "new" type of remedies? A 1992 American Cancer Society study reported that the users of alternative medicine belong to all age groups, races and both sexes. Most have completed some higher education and have the money to experiment. The alternative movement's popularity was also shown to be the strongest in the West and upper Midwest portions of the United States.

Because alternative remedies such as herbal and aromatherapies are not taken as seriously in the medical world, the Food and Drug Administration does not require the same rigorous testing for homeopathic treatments that it does for other drugs. Because

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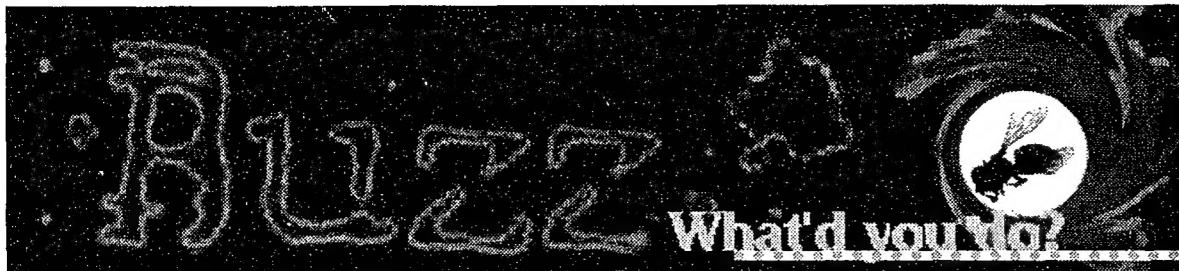
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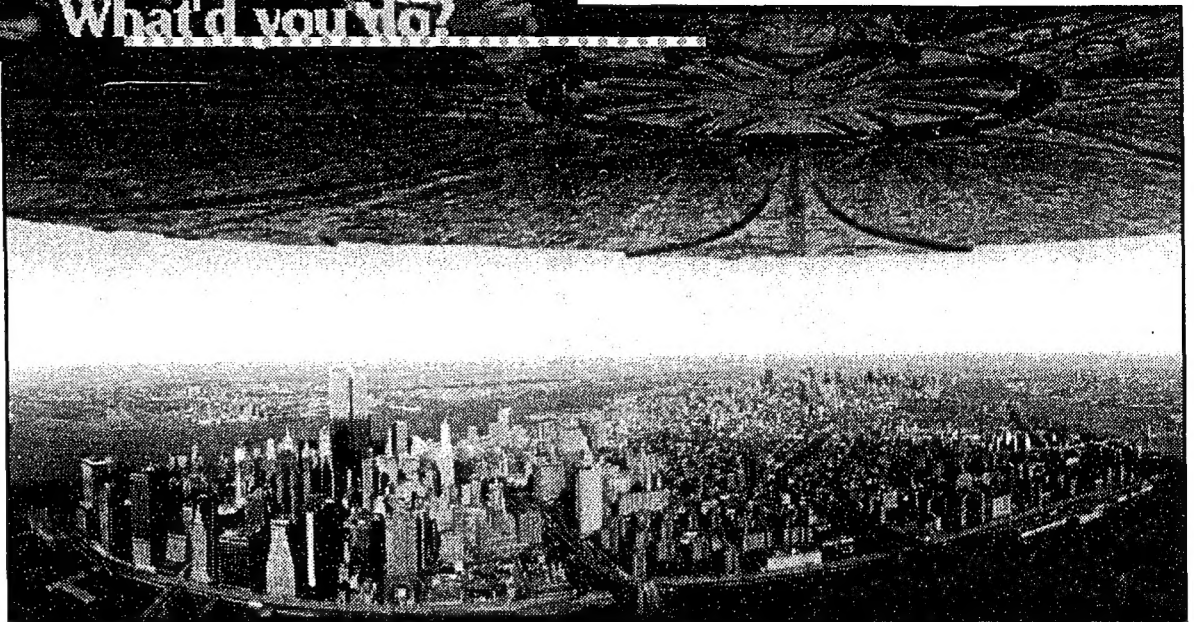
Though Not Quite 'Star Wars,' New Flick is Out of This World

REVIEW BY JOEL D. STEVENS

Steven Spielberg once said he would never take part in a science fiction film depicting the arrival of alien life on earth in a negative, violent way. Well, that is an admirable assertion and that also explains why Spielberg's previous alien encounter films were very good films, while never approaching the smash-up, suspense-filled spectacle of "Independence Day."

It's a normal day at a government "listening" station, when a strange wave of radio transmission passes through. After a few seconds of unbelievable possibilities, alien life is confirmed, and it's coming this way. Following the confirmation and the fact that the aliens are indeed heading for Earth's atmosphere, the Defense Department holds this knowledge in secrecy until a clear handling agenda can be determined. As the alien ship (which is one quarter of the size of the earth) approaches, it begins to break apart, strategically deploying smaller, but still immense, alien vessels to the world's largest cities.

As the arrival becomes more and more evident to the populace the President (Bill Pullman) attempts to calm the masses until it can be determined what the alien visitors want. As



New York City receives an unexpected visitor in the new Twentieth Century Fox movie "Independence Day."

huge alien ships hover over cities stretching from L.A. to New York to Moscow and Tokyo — and even over the White House — the calming words of the former fighter pilot president are met with worldwide panic as the streets and highways fill with fleeing citizens.

Meanwhile, an eccentric electrical engineer, David Levinson (Jeff Goldblum), working at a Manhattan cable station, decodes the sinister agenda of the aliens through encrypted satellite transmissions. Unable to convince the White House that he holds the truth of the alien arrival as a violent one, he is forced to seek out the President amid the fleeing chaos before the invasion is to begin.

David eventually reaches the President, and evacuation is swift but too late as the invasion begins right around them and in every major city with a most impressive alien "death ray" shock wave that destroys and topples skyscrapers like match sticks.

A counter-attack is ordered, and into the mix flies hot shot Marine fighter-pilot Steven Hiller (Will Smith). The strike is a useless reprisal on the technologically-advanced alien ships (which are guarded by a force field impenetrable by any technology on earth).

"Independence Day" is a sci-fi

amalgam of the infamous Area 51 mystery, fiendish alien extermination plots and old-fashioned human ingenuity and perseverance. The film plays like one of those 1950's sci-fi Saturday matinees with the usual clichés and stock characters. In fact, were it not for the unpredictable plotting, excellent special effects and off-beat sense of humor, "Independence Day" may have been just another "War of the Worlds" spinoff.

As the aliens work their way throughout the world, destroying civilization in their wake, a last chance stand is decided and all the human survivors in the world, all races and differences aside, plan a mass assault on the alien's ships. The film seems more concerned with creating this last chance for humanity than really developing characters or emotions, but it is also the part of plot that works the best.

The cast is a large ensemble, as most good sci-fi films should be, with Smith, Goldblum and Pullman as the film's principal performers. Relegated for most of their careers to second leads and character roles, these three very talented actors make auspicious "debut" as leads.

Perhaps not quite "Blade Runner" or "Star Wars," "Independence Day" is a very good film, technically astounding considering its "modest" \$60 million dollar budget. Director Roland Emmerich (who made 1994's "Stargate") seems very adept at making technically and structurally superior films with a budget half of what most directors would spend making a comparable film.

For my and mankind's sake, I hope Spielberg's assertion is the correct one — that when aliens come they will be the benevolent beings we hope, making this film is all overwrought paranoia. For my own selfish cinematic reasons, however, I'm glad in "Independence Day" they weren't.



Crack fighter pilots played by Will Smith (from left) and Harry Connick, Jr. are briefed on their assignment to combat an incredible force in "Independence Day."

Bitter Taste Becomes Sweet in Jawbox Album

REVIEW BY BEN THOMPSON

Jawbox is not a ground-breaking band. It doesn't stray far from the grunge-punk combination taking the land by storm. Jawbox just plays simple straight-forward grunge, with fun being the primary objective.

On Jawbox's self-titled fourth album, the band sticks to its formula of playing for fun, and weeds out the atrocities of popular band problems.

"Jawbox" is similar to everything Jawbox has done before. From its raw first album "Grippe" to the major label, Atlantic debut "For Your Own Special Sweetheart," Jawbox's sound is a brash sound of fuzzy, fast guitars, and rubbed bass, unmatched by other bands. Jawbox stays simple, and the easier they play, the deeper the music seems to get.

The burning guitar razzle-dazzle of J. Robbins and Bill Barbot winces at the notion of easy. The power they possess drains from their emotions through the guitars to produce wah-wah effects only imaginable.

Zach Barocas bruises the guitars with the incessant beatings of his drums. Bassist Kim Coletta provides clean, clear bass lines, adding depth to the sound that is Jawbox.

J. Robbins' vocals are scratchy, but fluid. He is not one to be singing in a quartet, yet when he applies himself to his own music, his voice and lyrics breathe life into the sparkling songs he's written.

For a sound that is unharmonic and at times hard on the ears, it would be difficult to pick a clear hit. But somehow, Jawbox manages to weave at least two hits into each album. On "Jawbox," the band displays its true song-writing abilities with "Mirrorful" and "Livid." Both songs play on well after the song is finished, with the lyrics raining through the wind.

"Iodine" is a softer approach to the Jawbox sound, but with guitars still plugged in and bass running rampant, it's hard to see the song stay slow, and it progresses to a point where speeding up seems natural.

"His Only Trade" is a small takeoff of the Talking Heads song "Burning House." Again, Robbins strays from an easy vocal quality to fill the room with his vivid talk-while-you-scream style.

A look at suicide and the fear involved echoes throughout "Won't Come Off." Followed by the lengthy "Excandescent,"

which takes over where "Iodine" left off. Rather than remaining at a slow pace, the band moves with ease from the quiet, calm brevity of the verses to the distant, harsh chorus.

"Spoiler" and "Desert Sea," possibly the best two songs on "Jawbox" appear right where they're needed, in the middle. The two songs have singable choruses and Jawbox's trademark harsh, invading guitars bleeding into the magic.

"Nickel Nickel Millionaire" is a look at a relationship, where one person tortures the other through the desire to be together.

The surprise of the disc is the bonus track cover of the Tori Amos song "Cornflake Girl."

Jawbox is a normal band. They play to have fun, and not to expose their inner selves as a release. The music is pure and clean. At times Jawbox delivers a tart, but after hearing the tantalizing treats they offer as songs, the bitter taste becomes sweet and delicious.

Jawbox brings an honest approach at music, and pleases anybody who will give them a chance.



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In the world of entertainment in 1996:

The Good, the Bad, and the Nasty

It seems every two years, the music business explodes with albums and tours that turn the industry upside down. In 1992, grunge was big, alternative music was no longer alternative, and Lollapalooza hit record crowds with Soundgarden, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Pearl Jam. 1994 found Green Day, the Offspring, and punk in general, becoming the next big thing.

Now we've reached the midpoint of 1996. What is this year's musical dominator? Is it ska, independent music, or the comeback bands that will live to allow this year to follow the current pattern?

The ska scene has exploded since December. No Doubt seemed to take over MTV, the Urge, the Dance Hall Crashers, and Skankin' Pickle are all experiencing a rise in record sales. Ska's formula is friendly for everybody from skate-punks to rappers. The mixture of insatiable rhythm with easy, blank guitar riffs just makes you want to dance.

Independent music has blossomed to the point where anybody can release an album if they can even attempt to make one.

The Cure, Love and Rockets, and Patti Smith, lead the list of artists returning from long absences with new albums and good ticket sales. The Sex Pistols, the Buzzcocks, KISS, and Devo have all reunited. They see dollar signs, and with early ticket sales, they are already receiving the benefits.

Is that all there is to music, where every year or two there is a tidal wave of new bands and a new style on whose bandwagon everyone's jumping. This year has been loaded with "new" ideas and bands to see and hear. But for a change, the same old bands that have been pleasing fans for years are here to stay, for better or for worse.

In this brief list of the bests and worsts of the first half of 1996, it's clear some things never change.

Best Album: "Wild Mood Swings" by the Cure. I think the title about says it all.

Worst Album: "MTV's Buzz Bin Vol. One." As if you can't hear these songs every time you turn on the radio.

Best Benefit Album: Tie. "HELP" aiding the children of Bosnia, and "Home Alive," helping teach women self defense and giving aid and support in cases of rape and abuse.

Best Surprise Hit: Marilyn Manson's version of "Sweet Dreams." Never thought I'd see the day when Manson is on prime time.

Worst Surprise Hit: Marilyn Manson's "Sweet Dreams." Too bad this nightmare didn't end any sooner.

Most Overplayed Band: Oasis. I, for one, have had enough. Not far behind, Silverchair, Bush, and the band that will forever sound the same, Hootie.

Most Underplayed Band: Lush. A couple months of "Ladykiller" wasn't enough.

Best New Band: Whipping Boy. These Irish boys have serious potential. Their debut album, "Heartworms," received excellent reviews, and their British neighbors have already given them a popularity boost.

Best Concert: Tie. Rancid and 311. These two shows not only brought fans to their feet, police were forced to take a stand and arrest more than 100 people at the shows.

Worst Concert: Lollapalooza. What happened to music for the people? This year's show had two fan attractions, the name, and Metallica.

Best Comeback: Tie. The Cure, and Love and Rockets. Need I say more?

Unnecessary Comeback: KISS. Last year it was the Eagles, in '94 it was the Rolling Stones. Who's next, Ozzy reuniting with Sabbath?

Unfortunate Break-up: Medicine. This Los Angeles band's break-up will disappoint more than a few dreamy-noisepop fans.

Reason the 1980s are Really Over: Tie. The Moog Cookbook, a set of 1990s hits played on 1980s synthesizers. And David Lee Roth's return to Van Halen.

Strangest Combination: No contest here. Yoko Ono and Sean-Ono Lennon playing with two members of the Jesus Lizard and the drummer from Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

Band that Should have come to Omaha but didn't: This is an exhaustive list, but Lush takes the cake.

Lost Cause: Stone Temple Pilots. Drugs, album, more drugs, rehab, canceled tour, personal problems. I count one good thing and don't see much better in the future.

Band Deciding its Own Fate: Smashing Pumpkins. After one year of touring, the band will tape an MTV Unplugged session, followed by the possibility of taking all of 1997 off.

Maybe 1996 will be like every other year, and won't have any surprises waiting. By the end of summer, everything will be different and we'll probably have to start all over again anyway.



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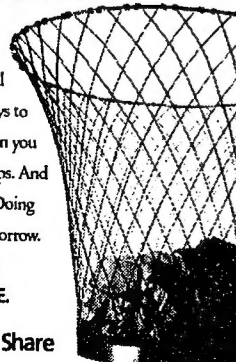
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adopted our Constitution," said Gouttierre.

Gouttierre said that Americans also need to remember that the United States has had over twenty years of unrest and change that led up to the Civil War.

Gouttierre did comment on the developments in the Chechen peace plan in relation to the Russian presidential election.

"Although I don't know all the implications behind Chechnya, I am apprehensive that the positive developments in that situation may have happened more for the benefit of the election than to provide honest resolutions for this war," Gouttierre said.

Most recently, Gouttierre went to Moscow on June 22 to assist Robin Raphael of the U.S. State Department in attending a meeting requested by the Russia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yevgeny Primakov.

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the remedies contain small amounts of active ingredients, many drug companies are unlikely to provide funding. Because a month's supply of typical homeopathic remedy costs only about \$5, drug companies have no incentive to test, according to an April 24 *World-Herald* article.

Although the Med Center recognizes and practices some forms of alternative medicine, they warn people to watch out for "scams," and instruct them to use their own good judgment when selecting a treatment of their own.



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